



## Minnesota Ag News – Hogs & Pigs

USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office  
P.O. Box 7068 – St. Paul, MN 55107  
(651) 201-6030 • (651) 201-6092 FAX  
Email: [nass-mn@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nass-mn@nass.usda.gov) - Homepage:  
<http://www.nass.usda.gov>

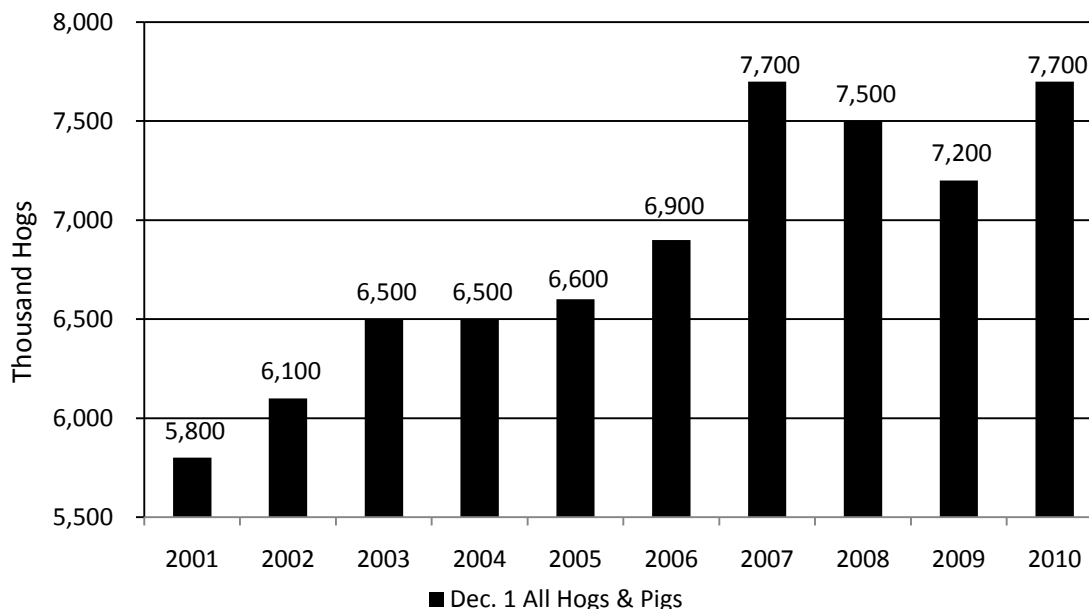
Released: December 27, 2010

Cooperating with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture

### MINNESOTA HOG INVENTORY UP 4 PERCENT FROM SEPTEMBER

Minnesota hog producers had an inventory of 7.7 million hogs and pigs on December 1, 2010, up 7 percent from last year and up 4 percent from the September 1, 2010, figure, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Breeding hogs totaled 560 thousand head, unchanged from a year earlier. Market hogs and pigs at 7.14 million head, were up 8 percent from a year ago.

### Minnesota Hog Inventory 2001-2010



### STATE PIG CROP UP 3 PERCENT FROM 2009

Minnesota's September-November 2010 pig crop totaled 2.84 million head, up 3 percent from a year earlier and up 1 percent from the June-August 2010 pig crop. The 280 thousand sows that farrowed averaged 10.15 pigs per litter, up from 10.05 a year ago.

### DECEMBER 2010-FEBRUARY 2011 AND MARCH-MAY 2011 INTENTIONS

Hog producers in Minnesota intend to farrow 285 thousand sows during the December 2010-February 2011 quarter. If realized, this would be up 8 percent from the same period a year earlier. Producers also intend to farrow 295 thousand sows during the March-May 2011 quarter. If realized, this would be up 5 percent from the same period in 2010.

*(See back page for U.S. highlights)*

Kevin Stukenberg  
Agricultural Statistician

Douglas Hartwig  
Director

## U.S. HOG INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

**United States inventory** of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2010 was 64.3 million head. This was down 1 percent from December 1, 2009, and down 2 percent from September 1, 2010.

**Breeding inventory**, at 5.78 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, but up slightly from the previous quarter.

**Market hog inventory**, at 58.5 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, and down 2 percent from last quarter.

**The September-November 2010 pig crop**, at 28.2 million head, was down slightly from 2009. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.85 million head, down 2 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.89 for the September-November 2010 period, compared to 9.70 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

### REVISIONS

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2009 through September 2010 were reviewed using slaughter, death loss and current import and export data. Based on this review, an adjustment of less than one half of one percent was made to the September 2010 total inventory. An adjustment of less than one percent was made to the June 2010 total inventory while an adjustment of less than 2 percent was made to the March-May 2010 pig crop.

**Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop,  
United States, December-November 2009-2010**

Month	Sows Farrowing <sup>1</sup>		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop <sup>1</sup>	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Dec <sup>2</sup>	997	973	9.50	9.62	9,475	9,358
Jan	1,013	960	9.45	9.58	9,576	9,197
Feb	1,001	940	9.49	9.62	9,501	9,042
Mar	1,009	982	9.56	9.76	9,650	9,588
Apr	1,003	972	9.61	9.84	9,644	9,560
May	1,006	976	9.66	9.82	9,718	9,582
Jun	996	976	9.71	9.78	9,673	9,549
Jul	986	968	9.70	9.83	9,567	9,515
Aug	978	963	9.69	9.82	9,478	9,448
Sep	994	967	9.71	9.89	9,647	9,564
Oct	965	944	9.70	9.90	9,364	9,350
Nov	956	936	9.68	9.87	9,249	9,237
Total	11,904	11,555	9.62	9.78	114,542	112,989

<sup>1</sup> Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> December preceding year.